Explanation of Peculiar Status of Matrimony in Scotland.

Boys of Fourteen Years and Gir's of Twelve Can Wed if Certain Pre-

> liminary Requirements Are Met.

BY LADY MARY MANWARING. LONDON, Dec. 18 - (Special to The Bee.) -The "Scotch marriage" has been again brought into prominence by the recent announcement that Frank Jay Gould, scion of the famous American financial family, had taken to wife Mire Edith Kelly, a pretty English actress, after the Scotch fashion, and had installed her as miscress of Abbotsford, famous the world over as the home of the great Sir Walter Scott. Scotland has long been noted for its easy have taken advantage for generations.

without the consent of his or her parents value being \$1,008. or other guardians, but in Scotland a minor need ask nobody's leave before 'ecmmitting matrimony." provided that, if a "man," he has reached the age of 14. if a "woman." she is a venerable Venus

Then, south of the Tweed, and in default

tion or acknowledgment." Here the contracting parties simply declare, either nesses, that they take each other for hushand and wife, or that they have already done so. The only stipulations are that the parties must be capable of marriage and without legal impediment, that they should be known to the witnesses, who, in evidence, and that one of the parties shall CURSE OF FEMININE WORLD have resided in Scotland for twenty-one days immediately preceding the cere-

Registration is not necessary to make the marriage valid, but it is usual sooner or later to apply to the sheriff of the county which the marriage took place to record it in a book kept for the purpose.

A good deal of nonsense has been written about these marriages by declaration. Many a romance has been made to hinge on such a plot as a couple playing in Hard Thing to flet Out Of.

An irregular marriage obtained by fraud, it annulled a person must prove that he the time, he was for one reason or anabsolutely incapable of knowing

As the declaration may be made verbally, and the marriage need not be registered, it is clear that if the witnesses die there may be a difficulty in establishing marriage. It would seem that if a villain marries a girl by declaration and grows tired of her, he ha only to get rid of the witnesses somehow or other to be in a posi-

This brings us to the second class of

by repute or habit." If a couple have lived together as mar-

ried, have addressed each other as hushand and wife, and permitted others so to address them, the Scottish law holds them married, although proof of marriage may he wanting; even if, in fact, no ceremony has been gone through with. Therefore villainy of the kind mentioned would rarely be successful, for in most cases the courts would give the wronged woman her rights.

The third class of "irregular" marriage is known as "marriage by promise," and applies to cases where a woman has yielded blood needs many channels, not one. With to a lover under promise of marriage, subsequently broken. Of course, the woman must satisfy the courts that marriage was nullifles conformity, engenders greed, selwedded husband."

Coronation Date is Fixed. age that is usually considered the dividing line between boyhood and manhood, at the be an alarming passion. very epoch of his father being crowned

It is not uninteresting to remember that stature, not precedence, was the first conalderation in the shoosing of the four duchesses who held the canopy over Queen Alexandra's head during the ceremony of crowning. The duchasses of Sutherland. Mariborough, Montrose and Portland were chosen, as all are tail, and all pretty much of a height. Whether Queen Mary will choose her attendants by the same mathod remains to be seen, but it is more probable that the choice will be made according to rank, in which case the duchesses of Norfolk, Somerset, Beaufort and Lords would

probably take office. Alexandra Loves Caesar. For Coasar, the rough-haired for terrier, which belonged to the late king. Queen she has not only taken it with her wher- treatment ever she goes, but makes it her constant next week in a midland town, wrote asking precious in the eyes of her majesty that

Late King's Friends Fade Away. chatted, have sunk into complete insig- information address. Nest institute Co. afficance. No one notices them in print. O. B., 1507 South Tenth St.

GOULD'S "SCOTCH" MARRIAGE and the odd thing is that most of them seem to have faded off race courses and UNMARRIED RUSSIANS TAXED other such places where they used to be snap-shotted. Meanwhile, the domesticity of the new sovereigns is such that at Balmoral the royal pair invariably went to bed at 10:30; whilst the queen used to take her PARENTS' CONSENT NOT REQUIRED knitting out with her when she went for a walk and pulled it out of her pocket when ever she sat down. There will be a fresh development of the revival of needlework for ladies. The duchess of Marlborough is a skilled votary of the art.

New Coinage System

Basis of Designs for Coins Are Ameri- poettion of a tax on unmarried people, more

can Pieces of Various Value.

The Bee.)—If the latest imperial decree is civilization to avoid the duties and re-palatial gambling den. All are not so fortumarriage laws, of which the lovesick lads carried out as expected. China will have sponsibilities attendant on the rearing of a nate as to have an armored cruiser at their and lassles of the more punctilious south a vasily improved coinage system, with family and the tax is meant to insure from disposal, as was the case with a French coins comparing with the American dollar, those who decline to do their duty to the naval officer some years ago, He had gone have taken advantage for generations.

In Scotiand there are two classes of valid marriage, "regular" and "irregular," and ditional coins worth, approximately two tion. It is probable this action will be pockets but his own earnings. By noon it was all gone.

In Scotiand there are two classes of valid the morning with naught in his probable this action will be pockets but his own earnings. By noon it was all gone. important differences from English pro- and will be silver, and the unit of the families above the normal, to be paid from

French Singer Turus from Song to

Billingsgate and Audience is Diamianed.

PARIS, Dec. 10 .- (Special to The Bee.)-

SIDNEY, New South Wates, Dec. 10 .-Special to The Hee.)-The penny postage verbally or in writing, before two wit- bill, lately introduced in the federal Parliament by the postmaster general, which provides for penny postage throughout the commonwealth and to the United Kingdom, beginning next year, has passed both

Menace of the Game of Bridge Pictured in Many Thrilling Colors.

Has bridge become the curse of the

eminine world? Minna Thomas Antrim thinks it has, and in her article in the December Lippincott's she tells why. "Not only has the madness of bridge made domesticity a mockery," declares Mrs. Antrim: "it has almost obliterated those amateur theatricals going through a mock old-time courtesies that between gentleirregular marriage only to find themselves women meant so much. Scarcely any fashtied up hard and fast for life. This is mere ionable woman has time to pay or receive ine, for the validity of a marriage calls. Her many bridge engagements are by declaration depends on the intention and prohibitive. She lives in fear and tremfree consent of the parties to be married. bling lest someone from another city break in upon her unawares. She may have some money to spare, but she has no force or fear is in no way binding. At the time to give to anyone. Even her growing force or fear is in no way binding. At the same time, an irregular marriage is not a sons and daughters are obliged to be satisfied with tag-ends and a fagged mother, it annulled a person must prove that he was tricked or forced into it, or that, at an occasion comes, as it will, when she from an old friend. She is not mean, she would give generously of her best, but what he was doing. In default of such but would give generously of her best, but proof, the law presumes intention and consent, and holds the parties to their con-tract. manacled, true, and, stranger still, hugging the chain that at times presses sorely. Is it any wonder that, seeing woman's plight, physicians of the soul and body have sensrately and together evolved new cults. movements and creeds, ready for the inevitable moment when her outraged nerves will no longer respond to the stimulus tion to repudiate his wife, but here the of poeteboard, when she will become as a child seeking guidance? It is the woman who cannot afford to play the game who "irregular marriage," namely "marriage plays most recklessly. Obviously it is also she who eventually comes to grief, and whose folly falls heaviest not upon her own head, but upon another's shoulders. "If wealthy women stopped to think how this mania for cards is spreading, they would end the bridge craze, for, dearly as they are enamoured of whist, they would not, through example, be willing that their too imitative, 'Little Sisters' should be castaways mentally, morally or financially. The very rich are credited too rarely with unselfish qualities. "That a crusade against card-interication

s imminent cannot be doubted. Americans are peculiarly liable to extremes. an impulsive woman, the last obsession crowds out all else. It destroys focus, promised; but, provided she can do so, fishness, egotism, envy and suspicion; any she can claim her betrayer as her "lawful obsequion touches elbows w".h incanity. It is a lamentable thing that so classic a pastime as whist should fall into had odor The date of the coronation has been fixed through the folly of some. It furnishes for June 22, a history of our royal house. such a delightful way to spend an hour ion years ago it was or two when other things pail. Unhappily the date fixed for King Edward's corons. the spirit of the times trends toward untion, when his liness intervened to post- quiet purenits. Unless the element of pone the rits. June 27, 1887, Queen Victoria hazard enters in, Fashion will have none kept her Diamond jubilee, and if one counts of it, which is all the worse for Fashion. by the week, instead of the month, it was The menace will apread perilously unless on that day, seventy-four years ago, that the Yellow God should yawn across the her late majesty was crowned. June 22 table—whereupon Fashiondom must show a is also the eve of the prince of Wales' corresponding boredom and eachew the birthday, who will complete his seven. same. Therefore yaws, Mammon, yawn, teenth year on the 21d, entering upon an that without more ado cards may again become a charming pastime, and cease to

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A man's money, business, reputation companion all day. The promoters of a and friends quickly drift away, like the home pets' exhibition, which will be held fog before the sun, when the flowing bowl is tapped too frequently, and it does if the queen-mother would allow Cacsur not take long for him to be pointed out to be shown, but the reply from Bucking- and whispered about as a "rounder" and ham palace was that the fox terrier "Is no a "booke fighter." When a man gets that name his reputation for business honesty she could not allow it to leave her even and integrity suffers a severe change The contamination of alcoholism exerts

itself in more than one way. The Omaha Neal Institute is located at It has not been publicly noticed how 1502 South Tenth St. Patients are resompletely the late king's set have dropped crived at all hours. The genuine Neal sut of notice. The people about whom, in Cure is also administered at 1805 W. the last reign, everybody gossiped and Charles St., Grand Island, Neb. For full

Duma Imposes Graduated Penalty on Men and Women.

MUST PAY FOR SHIRKING DUTY it is said that the couple who took their death to him.

Proposition Pending to Pay Subsidies to Parents of Large Families, Money to Be Taken

BY GEORGE PRASER.

from Bachelor Taxes.

Planned for China The Bee. 1-Two sets of the Duma are of ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 10.-(Special t more than local interest. One is the imand women, who are of marriagable age The tax is a graduated tax according to mportant differences from English pronational currency will be silver, and the unit of the
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NAVAL OFFICER HAS A SYSTEM

fled the Deck and Got His

Those who have visited Monte Carlo have the incomes of the offenders. Russia has heard of, if not seen, the pitiful ruin of suffered in common with the balance of many an unfortunate person who has lost PEKING, China. Dec. 10.—(Special to the world from the tendency of modern his last franc in playing at roulette in that

press. As a result of the disclosures at the cess was certain. He would use the ship's twin evils less eating more activity ACTRESS INSANE ON THE STAGE trial of Baron Ungern Sternberg, the Asmoney! Perhaps it was not just the right of dieting and exercisis. So it in
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sociation of Press Correspondents in the Russian Duma has been informed that journalists are henceforth absolutely forbidden to enter the Duma without an official permit signed by the secretary of At sunset he returned to his ship a ruined to fletting and exercises. But it has exercises to deleting and exercises. But it has a said safely that every man or woman in the land now undergoing the fattening-up process has his or her mental eye fixed dublously on that not far distant day when he or she will have to don the "ashes and sackcioth of reduction."

This is not an enlivening prospect, and so

Then, south of the Tweed, and in default of a "special ilcense," a marriage must be celebrated in a church, chapel or other building licensed for marriages, or before a registrar, and must take place between the hours of 8 a. m. and 3 p. m.

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